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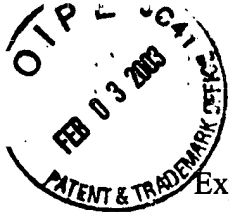
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(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension (months)	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
<u> </u> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<u> </u> two months	\$ 390.00	\$ 195.00
<u> </u> three months	\$ 890.00	\$ 445.00
<u> </u> four months	\$ 1,390.00	\$ 695.00

Fee: \$

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

 An extension of months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of \$ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$.

OR

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE	OR	RATE	ADDIT. FEE	
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					TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		\$	OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$-0-

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(d) ___ Total additional fee for claims required \$

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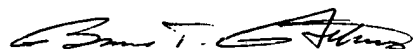
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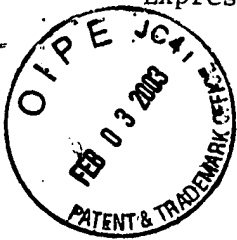
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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

EP 0848456

1. (once amended) An electrical connector assembly comprising:

a connector position assurance device (CPA) ⁽⁸⁶⁾ including a first beam ⁽⁴⁰⁴⁾ including a retention assembly locking element ⁽⁴⁰⁴⁾ and a second beam ^(90, 92) including a CPA retention element ⁽¹¹⁶⁾ ^{col. 3 line 54!}

⁽³⁶⁾ first and second ⁽¹²⁾ connector housings, one of said first and second connector housings having a body section with a mating interface on one end thereof and the other of said first and second connector housings having an opening to receive said mating interface;

a retention assembly ⁽⁶⁰⁾ mounted to said first connector housing for securing said first and second connector housings when said housings are fully mated, said retention assembly including a first housing retention feature, ^(72, 114) a CPA retention feature ⁽⁸⁴⁾ ^{col. 3 line 54!}, and a locking contact surface, ⁽⁸⁴⁾ ^{surface of 74)} said retention assembly being movable between locked and unlocked positions;